

2040 Plan

Summary of Ongoing Activities

February 2012 Update

1. Schedule

Due to the requested clarifications by the Board, the final approval of 2040 Plan by Board is now expected to occur in July rather than in June. Board briefings, and SPSC and SMC meetings, are still scheduled to occur monthly.

2. Final Report

In January, the study team completed the first draft of the 2040 Plan report consistent with the previously reviewed Plan Vision document, and distributed it to the Steering Committee and to the Board (version 1.2) for review. Written comments have been received from the Steering Committee and verbal comments were provided by the Board during the February 2 briefing. Atkins is processing those comments now and anticipates distribution of Draft 2 prior to the next Board meeting.

3. PI and Agency Coordination Activities

The PI program, which includes consultation with MPOs, RPOs, and Indian tribes, has focused on PI Round 3 activities that focus on circulating the draft report for public comment.

However, based on comments and direction from the Board at the February meeting, release of the draft report for public comment will be delayed by at least one month. Board members have requested additional information, which will be provided and then discussed at their March meeting.

In February, the following activities were completed:

- Finalized input into draft 2040 Plan, including section describing stakeholder expectations.
- Followed up with targeted groups/organizations to request feedback on outreach for draft plan.
- Continued development of materials for releasing draft plan, including:
 - Fact sheet with major highlights from the draft 2040 Plan, developed in coordination with the Communications Office
 - Draft survey to gauge public reaction to the Plan
 - Public Service Announcement, Media release, and Web postings
- Initiated the third round of presentations to MPO and RPO TACs and TCCs, with the presentation focused on content of the Draft 2040 Plan.

Following the February Board briefing, with the Board's request for clarification of some plan elements prior to Plan release, a tentative decision was made to proceed with the March release of PI Round 3 activities. These include:

- Joint SSG/ACG meeting on March 19
- Webinars for regional contacts on March 20 and 22
- Presentations to individual MPOs and RPOs in Feb, March, April, and as needed in May
- Presentations to colleges, NCPTA and county social service directors

General notification of Plan availability will follow Board acceptance of the Draft Plan and direction to circulate it.

4. Future Modal Needs and System Performance

The consulting team has focused on making edits to the draft Modal Needs Report based on comments received from the PMT, SPSC, and some (but not all) NCDOT modal units. The edits to the Modal Needs report are nearing completion, but the revised report's release will be postponed until changes made to the Modal Needs report are incorporated in the draft 2040 Plan, for the sake of consistency. Significant is that modal needs estimates are not changing significantly as result of the comments.

Major upcoming activities:

- Finalize edits to the Modal Needs report
- Incorporate Modal Needs modifications in the draft 2040 Plan

5. Strategic Investment Strategies (Finance Working Group)

The Finance team has finalized revenue forecasts, the funding gap analysis, and revenue enhancement scenario packages. The Finance team has also completed its deliverable, the draft Finance Report, currently undergoing internal review.

Major upcoming activities:

- Complete first draft Finance Report for review
- Steering Committee review

6. Planning Processes, Policies, and Programs Review

The Planning Processes, Policies, and Programs (PPP) Working Group has finalized the ten major defined policy targets, after incorporating feedback and comments from the SMC, SPSC, and NCDOT's partners. The PPP recommendations are included in draft 2040 Plan. The draft PPP task documentation, the PPP Report is currently undergoing internal review.

Schedule - upcoming PPP WG activities:

- Complete first draft PPP Report
- Steering Committee review

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